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Fortification Line

1. The subject fortification lines are between Stefan Karadzhovo (N 42-13, E 26-49) and Denitsa (N 42-16, E 26-52) and in the vicinity of the road joining Denitsa with the Stefan Karadzhovo-Yambol road. (See Sketch 1 of Appendix A) 50X1-HUM
2. There are four lines of trenches in this area, as follows: (See Sketch 2 of Appendix A which is a freehand enlargement of Sketch 1)
  - a. Line 1 - Starts north of the Denitsa (Figure a) road near its intersection with the Stefan Karadzhovo (Figure b) road; parallels the road at a distance of 5-6 meters until just west of a small stream (Figure c) where it crosses the road and parallels the stream; eastern terminus unknown;
  - b. Line 2 - Starts about 800 meters south of the Denitsa road and about 500-600 meters from the Stefan Karadzhovo road; follows successively an east, south, west, south, west and northwest course, skirting hill #301, before terminating just north of a small bridge (Figure d) on the Stefan Karadzhovo road; total length of the line is about two kilometers; the westerly extension of the beginning of the line would intersect the Stefan Karadzhovo road about one kilometer from the terminus;
  - c. Line 3 - Starts at the Stefan Karadzhovo road about two kilometers south of the southernmost point on Line 2 and runs in a southeasterly direction through and on the fringes of a forest; and
  - d. Line 4 - Approximately parallels Line 3 at a distance of 25-30 meters.

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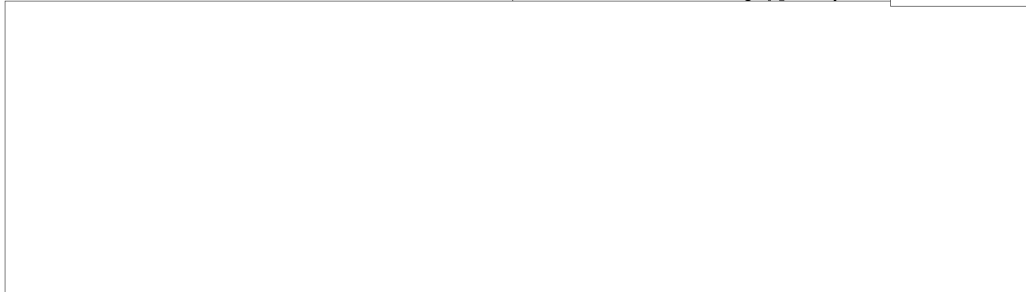
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Trench

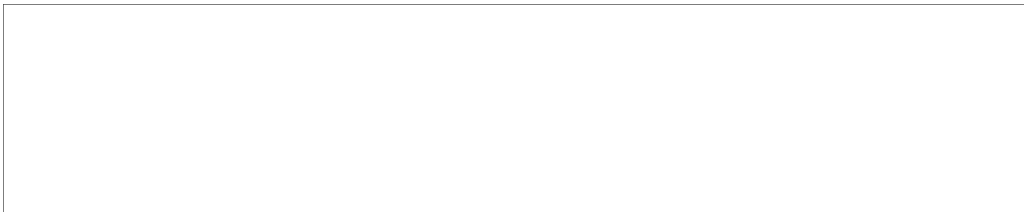
3. The trenches in each line are approximately the same. They are about 100 50X1-HUM centimeters wide at the top, 60 centimeters wide at the bottom and 140 centimeters deep. There are about 12 meters between zigs and zags.



Shelters

4. Shelters are located behind the trench line at 70-80 meter intervals. They are connected to the trench line by 5-6 meter open trenches. Stone projections protect the entrance which is arched and is set at an angle to the connecting trench. Three steps, totalling about one meter in depth, connect the trench with the level of the shelter. At the bottom of the steps is a 40 x 60 x 50 centimeter brick-lined hole covered by a wooden grid. A corridor 1.5 meters in length connects the entrance with the main room of the shelter. The sides and ceiling of the room are formed by a continuous arch of brick, and the ends are flat and of stone. The room is about 3 x 5 meters with a maximum height of 2.3 meters.

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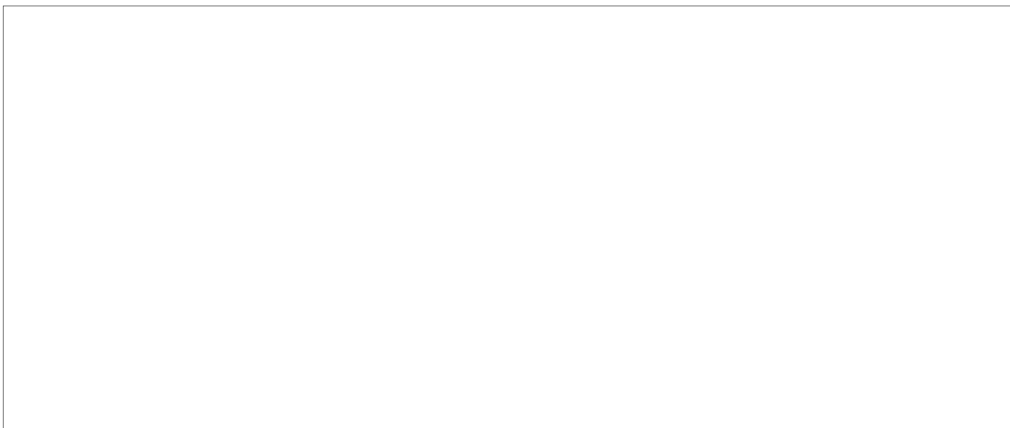


Machine gun Nests

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6. Machine gun nests are similar in construction in each of the fortification lines. They are located both at corners and along the length of the trench. The walls are of stone. A typical nest has stone walls which measure in length (from left to right) one, one, one, one, one and two meters.

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Bunkers

8. [ ] a bunker facing northeast which is located about 10 meters north of Line 2 and about 750 meters east of the Stefan Karadzovo road (see Figure F of Sketch 2 of Appendix A). The bunker is connected with Line 2 by a trench and is entered from the rear. The entrance is made of concrete and is squared off but is similar in form to those of bunkers (see above). The main room of the bunker is entered through a corridor which is 160 centimeters long. The corridor bends sharply to the left about midway between entrance and the main room. The overall length of the main room is two meters and its width is 80 centimeters (see Sketch 3 of Appendix A). The embrasures are in the center of the front of the circular-shaped forward projection of the bunker, the chord of which measures 1.3 meters. The external side of this projection is covered with earth up to the edge of the embrasures. The embrasures have an inner opening of 30 x 5 centimeters (See Sketch 4 of Appendix A). 50X1-HUM
9. [ ] a bunker located behind Line 2 and 600 meters east of the Karadzovo road (See Figure E of Sketch 2 of Appendix A). This bunker is identical with that described above except that the ceiling is made of beams covered with earth. 50X1-HUM
10. [ ] bunkers in Line 3. These bunkers are identical except that some have arched roofs of brick while others have roofs made of wooden beams. The bunkers are in front of the trench line and are connected with it by sub-trenches. The main room of the bunker is 1.5 meters long and two meters wide. In its forward wall there is a 60 x 30 centimeter concrete projection extending 40 centimeters from the bunker. This contains the embrasure. There is a 60 x 80 x 120 centimeter platform inside the bunker behind this embrasure. 50X1-HUM

Artillery Positions

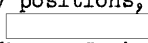
11. There is an artillery position (Figure G on Sketch 2 of Appendix A) located north of the terminus of Line 2 and close to the road. The artillery position is 30 meters in diameter. The entrance to the position is on the north side [ ]. On the east side [ ] there is a 40 degree incline leading to a 4 x 4 x 2.5 meter shelter. At the extreme end of the shelter is a platform which is 120 centimeters wide and 40 centimeters high. There is an inclined tube of unknown length above the platform leading towards the surface. On the northern side of the shelter is a 3 x 2 meter room entered by a 1 x .8 x 1.8 meter corridor. On the south side of the shelter is a .6 x .6 x 1 meter alcove. On the west side [ ] of the artillery position is a 1.8 meter high tunnel leading to the drainage ditch beside the Stefan Karadzovo road. The top of the tunnel is slightly above the road level. 50X1-HUM
12. About 25 meters northwest of the above mentioned artillery position is a spade-shaped artillery position (Figure H on Sketch 2 of Appendix A) with a maximum length of six meters and width of four meters. This position is entered from the north [ ]. In the northeast corner of the position is a shelter identical to that described in paragraph 11. Northwest of this artillery position is a building (Figure I on Sketch 2 of Appendix A) having a northeast-southwest orientation. [ ] taken from the entrance to the artillery position, shows this building. 50X1-HUM
13. Approximately 50-60 meters north of Hill #282.9 and about 800 meters south of Line 4, there is a line of two artillery positions (Figure J on Sketch 2 of Appendix A). The eastern terminus of this line is beside the Stefan Karadzovo road. The two ends of the line are connected by alternating open and covered trenches. The open trench is 120 centimeters wide at the top, 60 centimeters wide at the bottom, 130 centimeters deep and about six meters long. It is lined with stone. The covered trench is arched and lined with brick and is about four meters long [ ]. At both ends of the line and 50X1-HUM

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
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on both sides of the two open artillery positions, there are shelters of 50X1-HUM unknown dimensions. The gun positions  are six meters in diameter and are entered from the north. (See Sketch 5, Appendix A, based on a freehand drawing made by informant). Figure e of Sketch 5 is a pipe, suitable for cable lines leading in the direction of Line 4.

14. There are scattered machine gun nests on the southern slopes of Hill #282.9.

Key to Sketches 3 and 4:

 Line of fire

A. Embrasure

B. Earth

Key to Sketch 5:

 Covered area

A. Hill #282.9

B. Open trench

C. Shelters

D. Gun Positions

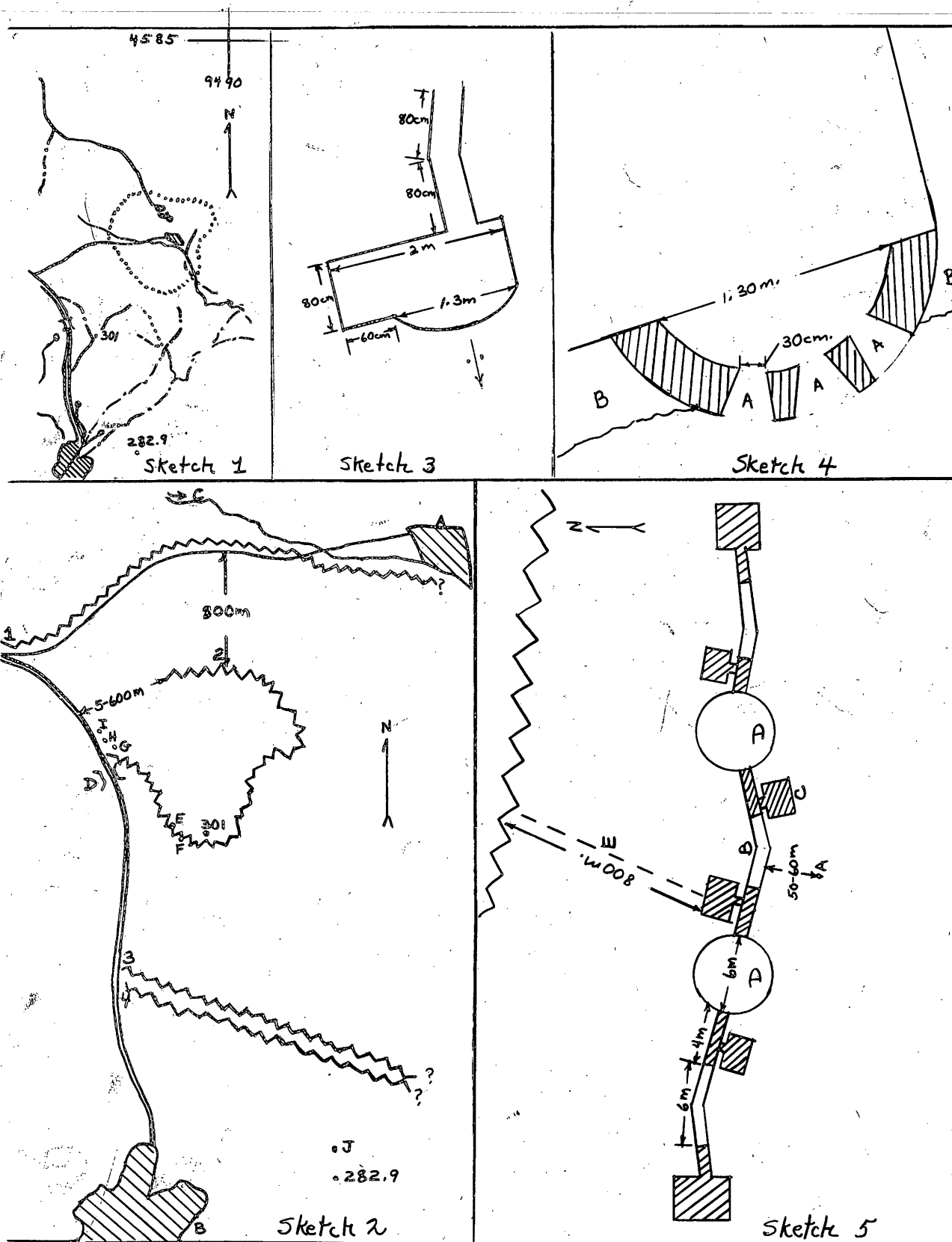
E. Pipe

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Appendix A

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